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1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH USDEL TO MARCH 20 GB MEETING (AND WITH SEVERAL OF KEY OECD DELEGATIONS), MISSION FOLLOWED UP WITH SECGEN ON ISSUE REPORTED REFTEL. MISSION INFORMED SECGEN THAT:
-- U.S. IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO CONTACTS BETWEEN THE OECD SECRETARIAT AND THE ALGERIANS, OR ANY OTHER SINGLE OPEC COUNTRY, TO COMPARE DATA.
-- WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER EXPERT CONTACTS BETWEEN OECD AND OPEC FOLLOWING THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER PREPARATORY MEETING, BUT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT SUCH CONTACTS TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE ALGERIANS. WE WOULD WANT THE QUESTION OF FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE OECD AND OPEC SECRETARIATS TO BE
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CONSIDERED WITHIN THE IEA BEFORE ANY STEPS ALONG THAT

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LINE ARE TAKEN.
-- WHETHER THE SECRETARY GENERAL MEETS WITH GHOZALI OR LAOUSSINE OF SONATRECH IS OF COURSE UP TO HIM, BUT WE WOULD NOT WANT SECGEN TO GIVE THE ALGERIANS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO THINK THAT THE OECD MIGHT ACCEPT THEIR PROPOSAL. ANY SUCH MEETING MIGHT THEREFORE BE EMBARRASSING AND UNPRODUCTIVE.
-- SECRETARY GENERAL,IN HIS REPLY TO ABDESSELAM SHOULD MERELY STATE THAT THE OECD IS NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER CONTACTS OF THE SORT PROPOSED BY THE ALGERIANS AND NOTE THAT THE SUBJECT OF ENERGY DATA AND ANALYSIS MAY COME UP IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE.

2. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LETTER WHICH SECGEN SENT TO ALGERIANS ON 24 MARCH IS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:
"DEAR MR. MINISTER,
I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 10TH MARCH. I WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR INTEREST IN OUR REPORT, "ENERGY PERSPECTIVES TO 1985".
I DO AGREE THAT AT THIS STAGE THERE NATURALLY MAY BE DIFFERENCES IN THE ASSESSMENTS OF THE IMPACT THE FAR-REACHING CHANGES OF LAST YEAR WILL HAVE ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ENERGY FIELD.
I ENTIRELY AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT THE VALUE OF HAVING MORE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THESE VERY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. WE CERTAINLY NEED TO REFLECT ON THE MOST PRACTICAL AND EFFICIENT WAY OF ACHIEVING THIS. I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND I THINK THAT IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TOUCHED UPON DURING THE COURSE OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING TO WHICH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED INVITATIONS FOR 7TH APRIL.
I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO RECEIVE MR. GHOZALI OR MR. LAOUSSINE TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, I WOULD THINK IT PREFERABLE THAT WE COME BACK TO THIS ISSUE AS SOON AS WE HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN IN THIS REGARD.
YOURS SINCERELY, END TEXT
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